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In re application of:
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Serial No: 09/780,804

Confirmation No.: 8653

Filed February 9, 2001

For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED
BLADE DESIGN FOR THICK
STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER
SAMPLE PIERCING STATION

Art Unit: 1743

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 20, 2006, the time for response to which is extended one month by the accompanying petition from April 20, 2006 to May 20, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.